

Docket No. 4159-4003US2
Serial No. 09/921,534

REMARKS

Status of the Application:

Claims 1-25 have been amended. Claims 26-27 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 28-32 have been added. Claims 1-25 and 28-32 are active in the Application. Claims 1, 14, 15, 17 and 31 are independent claims.

Interview Summary:

Applicant would like to take this opportunity to thank Examiner Backer for the courtesies extended during the interview held at Examiner Backer's office on 10 September 2003. The parties present at that interview were Jeffrey L. Brandt, Richard Himmelstein, Roy Neff and Examiner Backer. The pending applications discussed included 09/921,534, 09,454,035 and 09/666,725. The art of record discussed was Minton (U.S. PG Pub 2002/0091611 A1).

During the interview, Mr. Neff and Mr. Himmelstein demonstrated a prototype of a computer-based system incorporating features of the type described and claimed in the 09/921,534 and 09,454,035 applications. Following the demonstration, Examiner Backer and Mr. Brandt discussed the active claims in these same applications. Examiner Backer suggested amendments to the claims based upon which Applicant has submitted this Supplemental Amendment.

The parties jointly discussed the status of the 09/666,725 application.

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As noted above, claims 1-25 have been amended, and new claims 28-32 added, to more distinctly recite the claimed invention. No new matter has been added.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the active claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Authorization

If the Commissioner determines that an additional fee is due, applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any required fee, or credit any overage, to deposit account 13-4500, Order No. 4159-4003US2. A duplicate of this sheet is included.

Respectfully submitted,

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